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<b>Comments</b>  The instant application is filed in response to the final rejection in parent application serial number 10/016,368. U.S. 5,249,104 and U.S. 6,190, 026 have been cited against the claims of the parent application serial number 10/016,368. U.S. 6,190,026 discloses an illuminated automotive emblem that is fastened as a separate component to a carbody part such as the rear panel (see Fig. 1). For this purpose, a rear closure 600 is connected to the carbody with threaded studs 601, projecting through corresponding openings in the support	

surface of the carbody part (col. 3, lines 61-65). This known illuminated emblem is mounted on the carbody part so that it can be easily recognized from the exterior of the vehicle. There is no suggestion or mention of mounting the emblem as to be hidden from view. The present invention differs from this prior art configuration in that the vehicle light is arranged so as to be hidden from view but so as to still fulfill its illumination function properly. This is not disclosed in U.S. 6,190,026 that proposes an entirely different solution by mounting the emblem on the exterior side of the carbody. Already for this reason, a person skilled in the art faced with the objective of arranging a vehicle light so as to be hidden from view cannot find any suggestion in U.S. 6,190,026. U.S. 6,190,026 can also not suggest the inventive solution of attaching the vehicle light behind the carbody part (viewed from the exterior of the vehicle). There is no teaching and no suggestion in regard to making the carbody part of a light-transmissive material and in regard to applying a coat of paint to the carbody part that is so thin that the light emitted by the vehicle light can pass through the coat of paint to the exterior while hiding the vehicle light from view when the illumination element is switched off (instant claim 26). U.S. 6,190,026 also provides no teaching or suggestion in regard to instant claim 27, according to which the vehicle part has perforation openings filled with light-transmissive material and the vehicle light is arranged behind the area provided with the perforation openings. Also, claims 30, 31, 33, 35 drawn to an exterior rearview mirror having a vehicle light arranged in the base member or the mirror head so as to be hidden from view when the illumination element is switched off but allowing proper illumination when switching on the vehicle light are not anticipated by or obvious in view of U.S. 6,190,026. U.S. 5,249,104 shows a separate optical display device mounted on a carbody part. The light sources 3 are to be arranged within the display device A so that they are invisible from the exterior, as disclosed in col. 2, lines 49-56. In order to achieve this goal, a half mirror 10 is used that is covered by a color sheet 11. By means of this half mirror 10, the device A displays the pattern 8 in a silver-metallic color in daylight as a result of reflection of incident sunlight on the half mirror (col. 4, lines 43ff). The coating (color sheet) 11 applied to the topside of the light-transmissive part 5A of the display A is not applied to the exterior side of a carbody part or the exterior side of a mirror head or mirror base member of an exterior review mirror. The coating 11 is covered by the half mirror 10 as well as additionally by a portion of the light-permeable housing 7. Accordingly, this prior art differs significantly from the present invention as claimed. U.S. 5,249,104 therefore does not provide a person skilled in the art with any suggestion to mount a vehicle light in an opening of a vehicle part or on the inner side of a carbody part and to provide the lens of the vehicle light or the carbody part in the area of the vehicle light with a coating having a thickness that prevents the vehicle light from being visible but permits light emitted by the illumination element to pass through the coating. In particular, a person skilled in the art is not provided with any incentive to mount the vehicle light so as to be hidden behind the carbody part such that the vehicle light is not visible as long as the vehicle light is not switched on.